

THE GAZETTE.

FRIDAY MORNING, JANUARY 12, 1860.

RAILROAD ENTERPRISE IN VIRGINIA.

"The trains of the Alexandria, Loudoun and Hampshire Railroad, early in December, will be able to run with seven miles of Leeburg, the old County Town of Loudoun."

The above announcement, by letter from Alexandria, has prompted us to renew the pleasant reminiscences of a late trip over the "A. L. and H. R. R.," now constructing under the Presidency of Lewis McKenzie Esquire. Chancing to be in Alexandria early in November, we accepted the invitation of the President to accompany a committee of the directors of the company, representatives of the Board of Public Works of the State, and several citizens of Alexandria, to the present terminus of the road, which was projected to connect the coal-fields of Hampshire County with the sea-port, (Alexandria,) about 180 miles distant.

On the morning of November 9th, we met the excursionists at the depot in Alexandria, a substantial brick structure—and the pioneer passenger-car having failed to reach the depot at the appointed hour, (8 o'clock) though within sight, moving its slow length along Fairfax street—the always punctual President commended to us the "tender-borne" mercuries of a platform car, fitted for our benefit, and we were soon on our way out of town, our view of Washington and the shores of the Potomac being temporarily obscured by a heavy fog and the smoke from our locomotive, driven to the depot by an easterly wind. But the sun soon dissipated the clouds, the smoke kindly shifted for our convenience, and we were afforded delightful views of every variety of hill and dale, as we sped through lands whose redemption seemed augured by the advancing rails, till the whistle announced our arrival at Vienna—(the first station, 15 miles from Alexandria)—which has already assumed the characteristics of a rising village, with its public house, well stocked store, agricultural foundry, and numerous dwelling houses scattered on either side of the road. Here we stopped for a stroll about the depot grounds and then, once more, over the road to Broad Run, 27 miles from Alexandria, and 13 from Leesburg, to which point the official committee proceeded in carriages which were in waiting for them, while we of the laity remained "on board," discussing the merits of the surrounding country, the then recent attempt at insurrection, and some particularly acceptable refreshments in the varied forms peculiar to Virginia.

At 2 P. M. we started on our return to Alexandria, and never did Nature in her Autumn garb appear more beautiful than on that sunny afternoon. It was a day to be remembered, and as we wound our way through the almost classic streets of the town, the passengers bearing from the cars their leafy trophies of a day in the woods, even the collector of Uncle Sam's revenues might have been mistaken for a gleaner of Nature.

The natural wealth of the lands of Virginia, is proverbial. They need but the impulse of means of transportation to restore them to fruitfulness; and we cannot doubt but that the energy and perseverance evinced by the President of the A. L. & H. R. Co., while entailing great cares and anxieties upon him, must redound to the benefit of his native State and his own reputation. The lands on either side of this road cannot fail to contribute to its income. Indeed, there seems to be a fair prospect for ample remuneration, long before reaching the extreme terminus, where the coal-fields will afford an inexhaustible source of revenue. I have felt that even this meagre sketch of a day on a Virginia railroad would prove more worthy of notice than the eternal negro, or John Brown; and in this view of the subject to submit it to your readers.—N. Y. *Journal of Commerce*.

ARMING THE STATE.

In the Virginia Senate, last Saturday, the following report was presented and ordered to be printed.

The undersigned, under the instructions of the Joint Committee on Military Affairs of the Senate and House of Delegates, have the honor to submit the following report:

1. A corps of five thousand men, organized into five regiments of 12 companies each, with 80 non-commissioned officers, might be constituted as follows:

Thirty companies of Infantry, twenty companies of Riflemen, five companies of Cavalry, five Batteries of Artillery, of which the following are the arms and accoutrements of each company: 30 Companies of Infantry, armed with Minnie muskets, 2,400 muskets at \$13.65. 20 Companies of Riflemen, armed with Minnie Rifles, 1,600 Rifles at \$14.00. 5 Companies of Cavalry, armed with horse pistols, 400 at \$21. 400 Cavalry Sabres at \$5. 5 Batteries of Artillery would require 18 gun carriages and caissons complete to mount 18 field pieces now owned by the State at \$400 each. 7,200 16 Navy Howitzers at \$500. 9,000 4,800 Carriage Boxes, Pouches, and Belts at \$2. 9,000 400 Pistol Belts, of various qualities, at \$2. 2,000 400 Artillery Sabres, at \$5. 2,000 400 Revolver Pistols for Artillery at \$21. 8,400 400 Dragon Saddles, each, at \$35. 14,000 200 Sily tents, at \$35. 7,000 Ammunition 25,000

Total \$148,342

2. For a corps of 10,000, or for one of 15,000 men, less Artillery would be required, and more Infantry and Riflemen, but the proportionate cost for purchasing the arms now owned by the State, viz: \$148,342 for every 5,000 men. The above prices are fixed at the government charge for the Minnie musket and Minnie rifle, but it is doubted whether these arms can be purchased at this price. It is recommended that a proper Commission be appointed by the proper authority, to decide what arms should be purchased, should it be decided to purchase any.

3. With the view of giving more satisfactory information, with reference to the cost of manufacturing the Minnie musket and rifle in the State, the undersigned have made a careful examination of the Armory, and the accompanying report of Col. Barlow is given as the result of that examination. The comparative cost of making and purchasing these arms is greatly in favor of making them, being in the proportion of \$10 to \$15, when 10,000 or more are annually made.

4. The cost of storing the Virginia or Harper's Ferry rifle musket to percussion locks and throwing, is estimated not to exceed \$1.60 each. All of which is respectfully submitted. Signed Francis H. Smith, William Gilman, Charles Drummond, A. M. Hall, Alfred M. Barbour, December 20, 1859.

GOODS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.—We have just received a complete assortment of Rich Old China Tea Sets, Vases, Mugs, Cups and Sauces, Rich Stands, Cologne Bottles, &c., Also, Bohemian Glass Decanters, Wine Bottles, Cologne Bottles, Toilet Sets, &c., all of which we will sell at low rates.

12 mo 1 R. H. MILLER, SON & CO.

GLASS, GLASS.—We have just received 200 boxes 8 by 10 GLASS

200 do, 10 by 12 do, and a large additional supply of extra sizes, to which we invite the attention of dealers.

12th mo 13 R. H. MILLER, SON & CO.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILS, LOCKS, &c.—Just received and in store, 1000 kegs super grade, of assorted sizes; Rim Locks, of every grade, with a general assortment of Building and House-keeping Hardware. On hand a lot of Teas, Mattings, &c., to be closed at a low price.

JOHN T. CREIGHTON, dec 30, No. 88 King street.

REMOVED.—M. ELDREDGE & CO., HAVE removed their place of business to No. 6 North Wharves.

JARVIS'S ISLAND GUANO.—A cargo represented to be of superior quality, landing from Sch. *Barrow*, for sale by

W. H. FOWLE & SON.

AUCTION SALES.

BY T. M. MCCORMICK—AUCTIONEER. COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF A VALUABLE TRACT OF LAND AND FISHERY, KNOWN AS COCKPIT POINT FISHERY, IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VA.—By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, in the case of Wm. Cleary, vs. Wm. Woodward, and others, defendants, rendered on the 13th of October, 1859, the undersigned as Commissioner under said decree, will, ON THE ELEVENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A. D. 1860, at 12 o'clock, M., proceed to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the tract of land, containing by estimate about FIVE HUNDRED and TWENTY-FIVE ACRES.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-tenth of the purchase money cash; the residue to be paid in six, twelve, and eighteen months, with interest from the day of sale, the purchaser giving bond, with good property security, for the deferred payments, and the title to be retained until the whole purchase money shall be paid, the same being liable to be resold by the Commissioners in case the terms of sale are not complied with by the purchaser.

FRANCIS L. SMITH, Comm'r. GEORGE W. BRENT, Jan 5—2awts (Halt. Sun. copy.)

BY T. M. MCCORMICK—AUCTIONEER. COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF FOUR HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVEN SHARES OF THE STOCK OF THE WASHINGTON AND ALEXANDRIA TURNPIKE COMPANY, &c.

By virtue of two decrees of the Circuit Court of Alexandria county, rendered at May and November terms, 1859, in the suit of the "Alexandria and Washington Turnpike Company," against the said Turnpike Company, and others, in the suit of the Mayor, Board of Aldermen and Board of Common Council of the City of Washington, against the Alexandria and Washington Railroad Company, and others, on a cross bill, the undersigned Commissioner, will, on Saturday, the 11th day of February, 1860, at 12 o'clock, M., in front of the Mayor's Office, in the City of Alexandria, sell at public auction, FOUR HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVEN SHARES OF THE WASHINGTON AND ALEXANDRIA TURNPIKE COMPANY. The whole stock of this Company is represented by 500 shares at \$50 each.

TERMS.—Ten per cent. of the purchase money in cash, and the residue on a credit of four months from day of sale, the purchaser giving their notes, with an endorser or endorser, approved by the undersigned and payable at one of the Banks in Alexandria.

F. L. SMITH, Comm'r. L. LOUIS KINZER, Jan 5—2awts

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.—By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court, rendered at its November term, 1859, in the case of Smoot, vs. Reynolds, and others, the undersigned Commissioner, will, on Saturday, the 11th day of February, 1860, at 11 o'clock, A. M., in front of the Mayor's Office, in the City of Alexandria, sell at public auction, the following LOT of GROUND, upon which there is a BRICK TENEMENT, and said lot being bounded as follows: On the north side by the lot of Cameron street, 50 feet west of Water street, 40 feet, and extending back westwardly, 61 feet, more or less, to the line of Wm. N. Brown, formerly Thompson's. An examination of the purchase money, in cash, the residue at 6, 12 and 18 months, for the bonds of the purchaser, bearing interest, and approved personal security. The title to be withheld until the bonds are paid.

ALBERT STUART, Comm'r. J. LOUIS KINZER, Jan 5—2awts

COMMISSIONER'S SALE.—Will be exposed to public sale, to the highest bidder, ON FRIDAY, THE SECOND DAY OF MARCH, 1860, at the Town House, the following LOTS and parts of LOTS, to-wit: LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 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